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Development and operation of an interim public registry for nationally determined contributions

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This note provides information on the approach followed by the secretariat to develop an interim registry for nationally determined contributions (NDCs) referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement. The registry will be developed as an online platform that will enable Parties to communicate and record their first NDCs. It will consist of: a main landing page; an individual page for each Party; and a submission interface that will enable Parties to upload documentations relating to their NDCs. Users will able to browse and search for information on NDCs.

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I. Introduction

A. Background and mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its twenty-first session, adopted the Paris Agreement, according to which:

(a) Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve. Parties shall pursue domesti. mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions (Article 4, paragraph 2);

(b) NDCs communicated by Parties shall be recorded in a public registry maintained by the secretariat (Article 4, paragraph 12).

2. COP 21 also requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to develop modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its first session.[1]

3. Furthermore, COP 21 requested the secretariat to make available an interim public registry in the first half of 2016 for the recording of NDCs submitted in accordance with Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, pending the adoption by the CMA of the modalities and procedures referred to in paragraph 2 above.[2]

B. Scope of the note

4. This note provides information on the approach secretariat is following to develop the interim registry for NDCs. In considering this note, Parties may wish to reflect on the functions they would like the registry to perform. They may also wish to consider the scope of the modalities and procedures referred to in paragraph 2 above and any implications for the design of the registry.

5. The interim registry will be deployed before the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. For those Parties that may wish to communicate their NDCs prior to the deployment of the interim registry, the secretariat has created a temporary web page on the UNFCCC website.[3]

II. General approach

6. The interim registry will be hosted on the UNFCCC website.

7. As an interim platform, the registry will enable Parties to communicate and record their first NDC in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 22. Furthermore, it will facilitate the consideration of the modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registry in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 29.

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[1] Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 29.
[2] Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 30.
[3] Available at <https://unfccc.int/focus/ndcregistry/items/9433.php>.

8. The interim registry will consist of: a main landing page; an individual page for each Party; and a submission interface that will enable Parties to provide any additional documentation relating to their NDCs. Users will be able to browse and search for information on NDCs.

9. Further development of the registry will proceed in accordance with guidance to be agreed by the SBI. Parties may wish to consider providing the secretariat with feedback, on an informal basis, on the design of and modalities and procedures for the registry on the basis of experience gained during the use of the interim registry.[4]

III. General description of the interim registry

A. Submission interface

10. An NDC submission in the interim registry will consist of documents prepared by the submitting Party. A submission interface will enable Parties to upload, submit and manage documents comprising individual NDC submissions. Each Party will receive registry access rights.

11. Further, each Party will be able to browse, select, upload and submit multiple documents constituting a single NDC submission. For example, a Party could upload a main document, translations into various languages and addenda with additional information. After a Party has submitted its documents, the secretariat will conduct a security check before making them available on the public web page (see chapter III.B below). Owing to internal technical procedures, documents will become public only 30 minutes after the check has been performed.

12. At any time, a Party can submit revised or new documents through the submission interface. The registry will store different versions of the same document to the extent desired by the Party.

B. Public web page

13. One part of the interim registry will be a public web page that will enable users to browse and search for information on submitted NDCs. The public web page will consist of a landing page and individual Party pages.

1. Landing page

14. The landing page will provide a brief introduction to the interim registry and will contain a search box (see figure 1). Users will be able to perform the following types of queries using the search box:

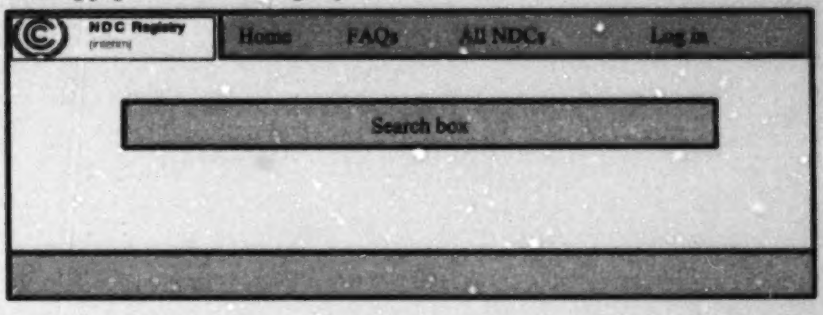
(a) Search by Party: when a user types in the name of a Party as a search term, the system will display the page of that Party (see figure 2);

(b) Search by keyword: users will be able to type in one or more keywords to search for documents within the registry that contain them. The system will display a list of documents that match the search criterion;

(c) View all submitted NDCs: selecting this option displays an alphabetical list of all Parties that have submitted an NDC.

[4] Views and feedback should be sent by e-mail to <NDCs@unfccc.int>.

Figure 1
Landing page of the interim registry



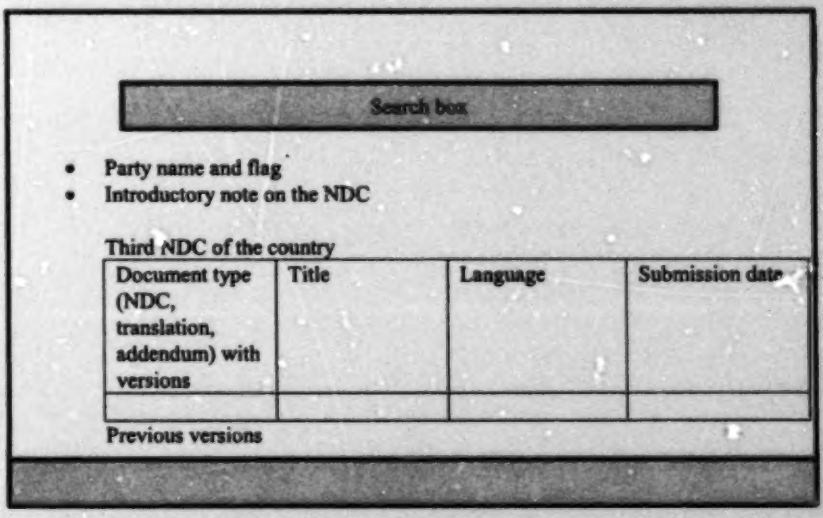
Abbreviations: FAQs = frequently asked questions, NDCs = nationally determined contributions.

2. Individual Party page

15. Each Party will have its own page displaying the Party's flag, a short description of its latest NDC (if the Party has submitted one) and listing all submitted documents (see figure 2).

16. The documentation will be sorted by NDC, in chronological order, with the most recent at the top. Documents for each NDC submission will be listed in a single box, with the type of document (e.g. NDC, translation or addendum) and version indicated.

Figure 2
Individual Party page in the interim registry



Abbreviation: NDC = nationally determined contribution.